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A.—(a) Yes.

- (b) It has been decided that higher falling shutters would be of little use, and that the best way to give an increased supply to the delta would be to alter the shutter pivots so as to let them fall with greater head and to provide travelling cranes to lift the shutters more quickly. Detailed plans and estimates for this work have been called for from the Chief Engineer.

\* Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—“ May I know from the hon. the Law Member whether the quantity of water can be increased without increasing the height of the shutters? The answer is that the height of the shutters will not be increased, and that arrangements can be made for an increased supply without shifting the old shutters. Will the quantity of water be increased by that means? ”

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—“ It is stated in the answer itself that it is considered that the best way to give an increased supply to the delta would be to alter the shutter pivots so as to let them fall with greater head and to provide travelling cranes to lift the shutters more quickly.”

*Irrigation projects in the East Godavari district.*

\* 838 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

- (a) besides Polavaram Island project what other projects are under contemplation in the East Godavari district; and
- (b) at what stage each such project is?

A.—The following projects are under contemplation :—

- (1) *Coringa Island Project*.—Under the consideration of the Board of Revenue.
- (2) *Pottanur Project*.—Under consideration by the Government.
- (3) *Torigedda Scheme*.—A report is awaited from the Chief Engineer on the question of reviving the scheme, which was previously abandoned.
- (4) *Seethapalliyeru and Pamularu Projects*.—An investigation staff has been sanctioned and a report on the results of the investigation is awaited.

*Low water-level in the Periyar lake and its causes.*

\* 839 Q.—Mr. L. K. TULASIRAM : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

- (a) what was the water-level in the Periyar lake at the end of the last irrigation season, i.e., 13th March 1927;
- (b) what was the lowest water-level ever recorded previous to that date;
- (c) if the water-level in the Periyar lake at the end of the last irrigation season was lower than the lowest water-level ever recorded previously, whether the Government have examined the causes and taken steps to prevent its recurrence;

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(d) what has been the total rainfall in the Periyar drainage area for each of the stations having rain gauge during the irrigation season last year, and what was the minimum rainfall for the same area and stations ever previously recorded;

(e) whether any modifications in the existing rules and regulations regarding the water-level, or supply of Periyar water are contemplated;

(f) what is the highest level of water that should be maintained according to the existing rules and whether there is any proposal to reduce that full water-level and if so, for what purposes and for what reasons; and

(g) whether Government propose to consult the concerned Periyar ryots before modifying or amending the full water-level to be maintained in the Periyar lake?

A.—The question has been referred to the Chief Engineer (Irrigation), who has called for a report from the Superintending Engineer.

### Civil Justice

#### *Transfer of the Sarishtadars of District Courts.*

\* 840 Q.—Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of High Court's Circular Dis. No. 621 of 1919 dated 18th March 1919;

(b) whether it is proposed to reduce the period of five years mentioned therein to three years as in the case of gazetted officers; and

(c) whether Government will instruct the Head of the Judicial Department to transfer the Sarishtadars of District Courts automatically after the end of every three years without any special report from the District Judge?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) There is no such proposal before the Government.

(c) Under the Madras Civil Courts Act, 1873, the transfer of Sarishtadars is a matter within the discretion of the High Court.

#### *Extension of the Civil Judicial Test qualification to ministerial officers of the District Courts.*

\* 841 Q.—Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to ascertain and state—

(a) whether there is a rule that the head clerks of the District Munsifs' Courts and Sub-Courts in the grade 60—4—80 should have passed the Civil Judicial Test examination;

(b) whether the deputy nazirs of the District Munsifs' Courts, copyists, superintendents, record-keepers and second clerks of the District Courts in the grade 60—4—80 need not possess such a qualification;

(c) whether the clerks in the Judicial Department in the Presidency have sent in memorials recently to the High Court requesting them to extend the Civil Judicial Test qualification to the posts mentioned in clause (b);